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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A tip structure for a support leg for a musical instrument stand, comprising:

a foot member at a terminal end of said support leg, said foot member having a main body;

an elongated spike member disposed in a first aperture of said main body; and

an internal locking assembly for locking said spike member in a projecting position with respect to said main body;

wherein said spike member is resiliently biased to translate in said aperture of said main body, and

wherein said internal locking assembly comprises a resiliently biased locking plate having a latching portion that engages a detent formed in said spike member so as to retain said spike member in said projecting position with respect to said main body.

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Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): The tip structure according to claim 1, further comprising a button member slidably disposed in a second aperture of said main body, said button member selectively disengaging said internal locking assembly.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): The tip structure according to claim 1, wherein said internal locking assembly is contained within said main body.

Claim 6 (original): The tip structure according to claim 1, further comprising a retraction spring biasing said spike member toward a retracted position.

Claim 7 (original): The tip structure according to claim 1, further comprising an end cap fitted around a bottom portion of said main body, said end cap having an opening through which said spike member is adapted to pass.

Claim 8 (original): The tip structure according to claim 1, further comprising at least one mounting hole disposed on a side of said main body for mounting said main body to said

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support leg.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The tip structure according to claim 8, further comprising at least one pivot limiting member for limiting a range of pivotal motion between said main body and said support leg.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The tip structure according to claim 1, wherein said locking plate is L-shaped.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The tip structure according to claim 1, wherein said latching portion of said locking plate is formed with a latching aperture through which said spike member is adapted to pass.

Claim 12 (original): The tip structure according to claim 11, wherein said latching aperture has two portions defining first and second diameters, said spike member adapted to freely pass through said first diameter and said spike member adapted to be locked by said second diameter.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The tip structure according to claim 12, wherein said detent of said spike member comprises an annular groove engaging said second diameter in

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said projecting position.

Claim 14 (original): The tip structure according to claim 3, further comprising a retraction spring biasing said spike member toward a retracted position when said button member is depressed.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A tip structure for a support leg for a stand, comprising:

- a foot member at a terminal end of said support leg having a main body;
- an elongated spike member disposed in a first aperture of said main body;
- an internal locking assembly for locking said spike member in a projecting position with respect to said main body;
- a lock disabling assembly for selectively disengaging said internal locking assembly;
- wherein said spike member is resiliently biased to translate in said aperture of said main body, and
- wherein said internal locking assembly comprises a resiliently biased locking plate having a latching portion that engages a detent formed in said spike member so as to retain said spike member in said projecting position with respect to said main body.

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Claim 16 (original): The tip structure according to claim 15, wherein said lock disabling assembly comprises a button member slidably disposed in a second aperture of said main body, said button member selectively disengaging said internal locking assembly.

Claims 17-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (previously presented): A tip structure for a support leg for a musical instrument stand, comprising:

- a foot member at a terminal end of said support leg, said foot member having a main body;

- an elongated spike member disposed in a first aperture of said main body;

- at least one mounting hole disposed on a side of said main body for mounting said main body to said support leg; and

- at least one pivot limiting member for limiting a range of pivotal motion between said main body and said support leg;

- wherein said spike member is resiliently biased to translate in said aperture of said main body.

Claim 22 (new): The tip structure according to claim 10, wherein said L-shaped locking plate includes a leg portion outwardly extending from said latching portion; and

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wherein said tip structure further comprises a biasing spring acting on said leg portion of said

L-shaped locking plate so as to bias said L-shaped locking plate toward said spike member.